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To: Public Service Commission of SC
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

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Subject: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in protest of the pending rate increase per Docket No. 2009-489-E.

SGE&G was approved for a 2.5% rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 % rate hike in 2008.

This new rate hike will boost residential power bills by approx. \$140 a year for the average customer by July 2011.

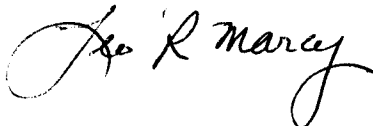
Duke power customers cost of 1000 KW hrs is about \$93 after its recent rate increase. SCE&G customers pay \$118 for same usage level. This rate boost would put it at \$130 or 40% higher than Dukes!

SCE&G rates are higher than other public owned utilities, as well as Santee-Cooper.

SCE&G doesn't offer a senior rate as DTE does in Michigan, as an example.

This proposed rate hike of 9.5% is outrageous and unjustified,
Thankyou,

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